

**From:** [Deanna Steele](#)  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Cc:** [kleavittsutton@gmail.com](mailto:kleavittsutton@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** ADU Study  
**Date:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 3:53:46 PM

---

Good afternoon,

I'm writing in support of the ADU Study Committee's recommendation to remove the restriction on renting ADU's to family members only. I think there should be some guidelines relative to parking, upkeep, etc., so as to not denigrate neighborhood character and resources. However, there is a national trend of "solo aging" which has been highlighted in the NY Times [Shown Here](#), and the US Census. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of people aged 65 and older living alone has increased by more than 30% between the years 2000 and 2016. And the percentage of older adults living alone is projected to continue to rise in the future.

I believe we need to provide for our aging community members while also ensuring we protect the charming, unique and special characteristics of our town. I believe we are a community of creative, intelligent problem solvers who can approach this topic with a nuanced approach.

All my best,  
Deanna Steele  
365 East St.  
Hingham, MA